

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 24465

24465. (a) (1) If, in connection with any exchange described in Section 332, 351, 354, 356, or 361 of the Internal Revenue Code, a taxpayer transfers property to an insurer, the insurer shall not, for purposes of determining the extent to which gain shall be recognized on that transfer, be considered to be a corporation for purposes of this part.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any of the following types of transactions, unless that transaction has the effect (directly or indirectly) of transferring appreciated property from a taxpayer subject to tax under this part (or a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group) to an insurer:

(A) An exchange or transfer pursuant to Section 368(a)(2)(D) or Section 368(a)(2)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(B) A transfer of stock in an 80 percent-owned insurer for the purpose of filing a consolidated tax return or for financial or regulatory reporting.

(C) A transfer or exchange of publicly owned stock of the parent corporation.

(3) If a transaction described in paragraph (2) would qualify under that paragraph but for the fact that the transaction has the effect (directly or indirectly) of transferring appreciated property from a taxpayer subject to tax under this part (or a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group) to an insurer, then, if the property is used in the active trade or business of the insurer, subdivision (b) shall be deemed to apply to that transfer.

(4) For purposes of this subdivision, "appreciated property" means property whose fair market value, as of the date of the transfer subject to this section, exceeds its adjusted basis as of that date.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (c), or as otherwise provided by regulations prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, if property subject to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or to subdivision (g) is transferred to an insurer for use in the active conduct of a trade or business of the insurer, then any gain otherwise required to be recognized under that subdivision shall be deferred until the date that the property is no longer owned by an insurer in the taxpayer's commonly controlled group (or a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group), or the property is no longer used in the active conduct of the insurer's trade or business (or the trade or business of another member in the taxpayer's combined reporting group), or the holder of the property is no longer held by an insurer in the commonly controlled group of the transferor (or a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group).

(2) Any of the events described in paragraph (1) shall be treated as a disposition of the property under this subdivision, irrespective of whether any other provision in this part or in the Internal Revenue Code would otherwise permit nonrecognition treatment of the transaction described in this subdivision.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subdivision, an insurer that becomes a member of the taxpayer's commonly controlled group or a corporation that becomes a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group, as a result of a transaction of which a transfer referred to in this subdivision is a part, shall be treated as a member of the taxpayer's commonly controlled group or a member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group at the time of the transfer for purposes of this subdivision.

(4) For purposes of this subdivision, stock of an insurance subsidiary constitutes property used in the active trade or business of the insurer.

(5) If the deferred gain required to be taken into account under this subdivision is business income (as defined by subdivision (a) of Section 25120), the gain shall be apportioned using the apportionment percentage for the taxable year that the gain is required to be taken into account under this subdivision. Except as provided in regulations under Section 25137, for purposes of the sales factor for that taxable year, the transaction giving rise to that gain shall be treated as a sale occurring in the taxable year the gain is taken into account. The amount of any gain required to be recognized under this subdivision upon any disposition described in this subdivision shall not exceed the lesser of the deferred gain or the gain realized in the transaction in which gain is required to be recognized under this subdivision.

(6) For purposes of computing the amount of gain required to be recognized under this subdivision, appropriate adjustments may be made, pursuant to regulations issued by the Franchise Tax Board, to the basis of stock to reflect the disallowance of any expenses under paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 24425.

(c) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe regulations providing for an annual reporting requirement in the form of a statement or other form, to be attached to the transferor taxpayer's return, regarding the current ownership of any property for which any gains were previously deferred pursuant to subdivision (b). If the transferor taxpayer fails to provide any information required by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Franchise Tax Board may, in lieu of the year described by subdivision (b), require that the transferor taxpayer take those gains into account in the first taxable year in which the current ownership of the property is not reported. The preceding sentence shall not apply so long as the property is still owned by the transferee and the failure to provide the information was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a taxpayer fails to satisfy the reporting requirements of this subdivision, then a notice of proposed deficiency assessment resulting from adjustments attributable to gains previously deferred pursuant to subdivision (b) with respect to which the reporting requirements were not satisfied may be mailed to the taxpayer within four years from the date on which the reporting requirements are satisfied by the taxpayer.

(d) Subdivision (b) shall not apply to any property described by Section 367(a)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) Except as provided by regulations prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, a transfer by a taxpayer of an interest in a partnership to an insurer in a transaction described in subdivision (a) shall be treated as a transfer to that insurer of the taxpayer's pro rata share of the assets of the partnership.

(f) For purposes of this section, any distribution described by Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code (or so much of Section 356 of the Internal Revenue Code as it relates to Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be treated as an exchange under this section, whether or not the distribution is an exchange. This subdivision shall not apply to any distribution in which either of the following applies:

- (1) The distributing corporation is an insurer.
- (2) The distributee is a person other than an insurer.

(g) For purposes of this part, any transfer of property to an insurer as a contribution to capital of that insurer by one or more persons who, immediately after the transfer, own (within the meaning of Section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code) stock possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of that insurer that are entitled to vote shall be treated as an exchange of that property for stock of the insurer equal in value to the fair market value of the property transferred.

(h) (1) In the case of any distribution described in Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code (or so much of Section 356 of the Internal Revenue Code as it relates to Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code) by a taxpayer to an insurer, to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, gain shall be recognized under principles similar to the principles of this section.

(2) In the case of any liquidation to which Section 332 of the Internal Revenue Code applies, except as provided in regulations prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, both of the following shall apply:

(A) Sections 337(a) and 337(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not apply, where the 80 percent distributee is an insurer.

(B) Where the distributor is an insurer, the distributee shall treat the distribution as a distribution from the insurer's earnings and profits, to the extent thereof.

(3) For purposes of the preceding paragraph, the deemed distribution from earnings and profits shall be treated as a dividend eligible for a deduction, to the extent otherwise provided in Section 24410, as if actually distributed as a dividend.

(i) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) An insurer is any insurer within the meaning of Section 28 of Article XIII of the California Constitution, whether or not the insurer is engaged in business in California.

(2) The phrase "commonly controlled group" shall have the same meaning as that phrase has under Section 25105.

(3) The phrase "combined reporting group" means those corporations whose income is required to be included in the same combined report pursuant to Section 25101 or 25110.

(j) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe any regulations that may be appropriate to carry out the purpose of this section, which purpose is to prevent the removal of gain inherent in property at the time of a transfer from taxation under this part. Those regulations may provide for appropriate adjustments to the amount of deferred income described in subdivision (b) to avoid the double inclusion of income for situations, including but not limited to, the property transferred to an insurer member of the commonly controlled group is later acquired by a noninsurer member of the taxpayer's combined reporting group.

(k) Upon an adequate showing by a taxpayer that a transaction referred to in subdivision (a) or (h) would not violate the purposes of this section to prevent the removal of gain inherent in property at the time of a transfer from taxation under this part, the Franchise Tax Board may grant relief from the application of this section. In an appeal filed with the State Board of Equalization, or an action filed under Section 19382 or 19385, the State Board of Equalization or the court, as the case may be, shall have jurisdiction to grant that relief only upon a specific finding that the transfer did not remove gain inherent in property at the time of transfer from taxation under this part.

(l) This section applies to transactions entered into on or after June 23, 2004, or transactions entered into after June 23, 2004, pursuant to a binding written contract in existence on June 23, 2004. For purposes of this subdivision, transactions entered into on or after June 23, 2004, that were given final approval by a regulatory insurance commissioner before June 23, 2004, shall be considered a transaction entered into before June 23, 2004, pursuant to a binding written contract in existence on June 23, 2004.